

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Scott, DVM; Linda Olson, CVT; Larry Mahr, DVM; James Johnson, DVM; Sarah Kamke; Jean Heyt-Thompson, DVM

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Elaine McGregor; William Bartlett, DVM

LEGAL COUNSEL: Wayne Austin (portion of meeting)

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick D. Braatz, Karen Rude-Evans

GUESTS: Rachel Rothschild, U.W. School of Veterinary Medicine; Dr. Yvonne Bellay, DATCP; Teri Raffel, WVTa; Leslie Grendahl and Vic Eggleston, DVM, WVMA; Tom Truesdell, DVM; Amy Kadera McCray; Ann Kaufman; Patricia Friedkin, RN, CA; Theodora Lightfoot

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diane Scott called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -Information regarding completion of required education for William Losch, DVM
-Informational items regarding alternative therapies

MOTION: Sarah Kamke moved, seconded by Larry Mahr, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2000

MOTION: Linda Olson moved, seconded by Jean Heyt-Thompson, to approve the Minutes of September 27, 2000 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY CUMMINGS

Secretary Cummings briefly addressed the issue of alternative medicine for animals. This issue has generated much interest both in the public and the media.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

There were no stipulations.

REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RULES RELATING TO THE COMPUTERIZED VETERINARY EXAMINATION

The public hearing commenced at 11:18 a.m. Rachel Rothschild, U.W. School of Veterinary Medicine, was the only registered speaker. Ms. Rothschild spoke in favor of the proposed rules but voiced her concern over some of the proposed language. The public hearing adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

MEETING WITH CONCERNED ANIMAL GUARDIANS REGARDING ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES

A number of individuals spoke regarding their desire to have alternative therapies more readily available and accessible to their pets. Current law requires that anyone providing alternative therapies to animals, who is not a veterinarian, must be under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The Board listened to the concerns of the speakers, however is not able to make changes to the statutes and rules that regulate the alternative therapy practitioners.

2001-2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – BILL DRAFT REQUESTS

This item was informational.

SUPPORT DELINQUENCY PROGRAM

Patrick Braatz explained the Support Delinquency Program to the Board. This became effective November 1, 2000.

MOTION: Sarah Kamke moved, seconded by Linda Olson, to authorize the bureau director, or, in his or her absence, the division director, or, in his or her absence, the deputy secretary, to sign notices sent to individuals who have been certified to DRL by DWD as being delinquent in support or non-compliant with subpoenas or warrants. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS TESTIFYING AS EXPERT WITNESSES

This item was informational.

AVMA – ECFVG

This item was informational.

AVMA – UPDATE OF CVTEA ACTIVITIES

This item was informational.

PRACTICE QUESTION

The Board reviewed correspondence from Alexander Cole, DVM. Wayne Austin will respond to Dr. Cole that as long as appropriate follow-up care is provided, Dr. Cole is working within Wisconsin statutes.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Sarah Kamke moved, seconded by Linda Olson, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of reviewing information regarding completion of required coursework for William Losch, DVM, consideration of an administrative warning, reviewing case status report and consulting with legal counsel. Roll call vote: Linda Olson – yes, Larry Mahr – yes, James Johnson – yes, Sarah Kamke – yes, Jean Heyt-Thompson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 11:27 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Linda Olson moved, seconded by Larry Mahr, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

ADMINISTRATIVE WARNING

MOTION: Linda Olson moved, seconded by Larry Mahr, to close complaint **00 VET 025** with an administrative warning. Case advisor – Sarah Kamke. Motion carried unanimously.

CASE STATUS REPORT

MOTION: Sarah Kamke moved, seconded by Larry Mahr, to close complaint **93 VET 053** for insufficient evidence. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Sarah Kamke moved, seconded by Linda Olson, to close complaint **93 VET 035** for insufficient evidence. Motion carried unanimously.

2001 MEETING DATES

The Veterinary Examining Board will meet on the following days in 2001: January 24, March 28, May 23, July 25, September 26 and November 28.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board members noted the informational items.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Larry Mahr moved, seconded by James Johnson, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

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